



Pediatric Pulmonology  
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Dear Physicians/Practitioners:

This fall, the Children's Hospital Division of Pediatric Pulmonology will again offer monthly Synagis<sup>®</sup> (palivizumab) administration for RSV prophylaxis to patients meeting the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for Synagis dosing but only **to practices WITHIN Greenville County.**

The Greenville Health System motto of, "Right care, Right place and Right time," is the reason behind this change. The care of our most fragile patients' needs to be considered and the less time they are spending in travel helps the infant from a medical standpoint and the family from a financial standpoint. Our vision of working to transform health care for the benefit of the people and the communities we serve is achieved by this change.

**It is the PCP's/primary provider's responsibility to explain why the patient is being referred for Synagis PRIOR to the referral being made** to reduce confusion and improve efficiency.

In 2012, the guidelines were revised by the Red Book, which recommends prophylaxis during RSV season as outlined on pages 614-618 of the current Red Book and which as per payers/insurers is Nov 1, 2014-Mar 31, 2015.

Our team of experienced staff pledges to provide efficient service to qualified patients and families, and work diligently to maintain compliance with monthly therapy. If you have patients who meet these criteria, we will be happy to undertake **their entire Synagis approval process** and administration during RSV season. Please fill out the Synagis Enrollment Form and fax it to our office at **(864) 241-9246**. *We will NOT accept referrals sent using the standard pediatric pulmonary form or via ECW.* We will typically plan to see patients for an initial evaluation and then begin scheduling monthly administration once their insurance approval is complete **AND** we receive their Synagis in our office. **Dosing is dependent on insurance approval as we do NOT purchase bulk amounts of Synagis.** Each child is approved by their insurer and their individual medication is shipped to us by specialty pharmacies, *once the specialty pharmacy has been given approval by the parent.*

We will plan to be in contact with your office staff if families will not return calls or miss 1 appointment. ***If 2 appointments are missed and cannot be rescheduled within 3-4 days; or if families cannot be contacted, the child's Synagis WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR OFFICE for administration by YOUR practice.***

***Our goal is that the medically fragile patient receives this very costly medication at the appropriate dosing interval and compliance with appointments is vital to this process and the efficacy of Synagis.***

We look forward to offering this service again this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please call us at **(864) 454-5564** to speak to Sheena Brown RRT or Lisa DuBose APRN, BC.